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CHANGES IN SPANDAU
RULES AGREED BY SOVIETS

In letters to General Chuikov of 1 September, 1952, the three High Commissioners proposed certain changes in the rules and regulations applicable to the war criminals detained in the Allied prison in Spandau.

The Soviet Control Commission for Germany has now sent its reply and has agreed to the proposed relaxations of the rules with regard to visits and letters.

The prisoners will now be permitted to receive one visit every calender month instead of one visit every two calender months, and the normal duration of each visit will be 30 minutes instead of 15 minutes. The prisoners will be allowed to write at least one letter and to receive one letter each week instead of one letter every four weeks.

The three High Commissioners also proposed modification in the procedure applicable in the event of the death of a war criminal confined in Spandau, but the Soviet Control Commission has declined to make any change in this respect.

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